

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A versatile customizable combination system for providing filtering of outbound requests for access to web sites on the Internet and/or for controlling inbound requests from the Internet for access to a web site of the system, comprising:

a plurality of computer users,

one or a plurality of user computers, each having a dynamically allocated Internet protocol address or a static Internet Protocol address,

an administrative module/interface that includes configuration settings for inbound communications and for outbound communications, has list maintenance functions including list editing, list deleting, searching of lists, saving of lists, proxy chaining routing, adding and deleting users, interchanging lists and importing and exporting lists,

said administrative module located in a user computer for configuring a range of access levels and being capable of creating three types of user accounts that ~~have unique user names and passwords~~ require unique authentication credentials for each user account including an administrator account that is self-configuring and regular accounts with varying amounts of administrative privileges,

a first proxy server in one or a plurality of user computers of a local area network with access to the world wide web, each of said first proxy server having a friendly outbound list and/or an unfriendly outbound list only one of which is active at any given time, and/or having a friendly inbound list and/or an unfriendly inbound list only one of

which is active at any given time, the friendly outbound list, the unfriendly outbound list, the friendly inbound list and the unfriendly inbound lists being uniquely configurable ~~by~~ for each user account,

said first proxy server programmed to receive a request from an HTTP client, check the identity of a requesting client and/or of a requested URL against the friendly inbound, friendly outbound, unfriendly inbound or unfriendly outbound list maintained by the administrative module and then either approve the request, terminate the request or re-route the request ~~without the knowledge of the user~~,

a second proxy server without the administrative module or the friendly or the unfriendly lists placed between the first proxy server and the Internet ~~located at a gateway of the local area network or at an Internet Service Provider of the local area network~~, the second proxy server being capable of communicating to a proxy of a destination or directly to a destination, said second proxy server having an Internet Protocol address configurable only by known only to a holder of the administrator account or a regular account with administrative privileges,

the first proxy server and the second proxy server have a network communication link between them.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second proxy server is a first proxy server but has an empty unfriendly outbound list.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein a third proxy server and/or additional proxy servers forward inbound requests for resources to other proxy servers.

4. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the system is compatible with dialup modem connection to the Internet, a local area network and with virtual network connection.

5. (currently amended) A versatile customizable combination system for providing filtering of outbound requests for access to web sites on the Internet and/or for controlling inbound requests from the Internet for access to a web site of the system, comprising:

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an administrative module/interface that includes configuration settings for inbound communications and for outbound communications, has list maintenance functions including list editing, list deleting, searching of lists, saving of lists, proxy chaining routing, adding and deleting users, interchanging lists and importing and exporting lists,

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a first proxy server in one or a plurality of user computers of a local area network with access to the world wide web, each of said first proxy server having a friendly